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President: Mr. Kavan ..... (Czech Republic)

In the absence of the President, Mr. Pfanzelter (Austria), Vice-President, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m

Reports of the Third Committee

The Acting President: The General Assembly will consider the reports of the Third Committee on agenda items 97 to 109, 43 and 12.

I request the Rapporteur of the Third Committee, Mrs. Oksana Boiko of Ukraine, to introduce the reports of the Third Committee in one intervention.

Mrs. Boiko (Ukraine), Rapporteur of the Third Committee: I have the great honour to present for consideration the following reports of the Third Committee on the agenda items allocated to it by the General Assembly.

Under item 43 of the agenda, entitled "Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children", no action was taken.

Under item 97, entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly", the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 10 of document A/57/544, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under item 98, entitled "Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family", the Committee recommends, in paragraphs 17 and 18 of document A/57/545, the adoption of three draft resolutions and one draft decision.

Under item 99, entitled "Follow-up to the international Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing", the Committee recommends, in paragraph 8 of document A/57/546, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under item 100, entitled "Crime prevention and criminal justice", the Committee recommends, in paragraph 22 of document A/57/547, the adoption of six draft resolutions and, in paragraph 23, one draft decision.

Under item 101, entitled "International drug control", the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 8 of document A/57/548, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under item 102, entitled "Advancement of women", the Committee recommends, in paragraph 34 of document A/57/549, the adoption of six draft resolutions and, in paragraph 35, one draft decision. In connection with draft resolution IV, entitled "Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women", operative paragraph 4 should be updated so that the reference to the number of States parties reads "which now stands at forty-nine".

Under item 103, entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General

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Assembly, entitled 'Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century'", the Committee recommends, in paragraph 12 of document A/57/550, the adoption of two draft resolutions.

Under item 104, entitled "Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions", the Committee recommends, in paragraph 20 of document A/57/551, the adoption of five draft resolutions.

Under item 105, entitled "Promotion and protection of the rights of children", the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 25 of document A/57/552, the adoption of three draft resolutions and, in paragraph 26, one draft decision.

Under item 106, entitled "Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People", the Committee recommends, in paragraph 16 of document A/57/553, the adoption of three draft resolutions and, in paragraph 17, one draft decision. With regard to draft resolution I, in operative paragraph 1 (a), the words "in New York" should be added after "of the Secretariat".

Under sub-item 107 (a), entitled "Elimination of racism and racial discrimination", and sub-item 107 (b), entitled "Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action", the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 18 of document A/57/554, the adoption of five draft resolutions and, in paragraph 19, one draft decision.

Under item 108, entitled "Right of peoples to self-determination", the Committee recommends, in paragraph 19 of document A/57/555, the adoption of three draft resolutions.

Under item 109, entitled "Human rights questions", the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 4 of document A/57/556, the adoption of one draft decision.

Under sub-item 109 (a), entitled "Implementation of human rights instruments", the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 31 of document A/57/556/Add.1 the adoption of four draft resolutions.

Under sub-item 109 (b), entitled "Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms", the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 127 of document A/57/556/Add.2 the adoption of 27 draft resolutions and, in paragraph 128, the adoption of one draft decision.

Under sub-item 109 [c], entitled "Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives", the Committee recommends, in paragraph 46 of document A/57/556/Add.3 the adoption of five draft resolutions.

With regard to draft resolution III, "Situation of human rights in Iraq", operative paragraph 5 (i) should read as follows:

> "To cooperate fully with the relevant mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights, in particular its Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq, and to ensure his access to Iraq, without preconditions, in order to allow him fully to discharge his mandate, including by allowing access to any person deemed appropriate by the Special Rapporteur;".

In connection with this report, I should also like to make two corrections to draft resolution IV, entitled "Situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo". At the end of operative paragraph 3 (f), the words "have not yet been brought to justice" should be corrected to read "remain to be brought to justice"; and at the beginning of operative paragraph 5 (e), the words "Together with" should be changed to read "Along with".

Under sub-item (d), entitled "Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action", of agenda item 109, "Human rights questions", the Third Committee recommends, in document A/57/556/Add.4, paragraph 5, the adoption of one draft decision.

No action was taken under sub-item (e), entitled "Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights", of agenda item 109, "Human rights questions".

Under agenda item 12, entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council", the Third Committee recommends, in document A/57/558, paragraph 8, the adoption of two draft decisions.

I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the Chairman of the Third Committee, Ambassador Christian Wenaweser of Liechtenstein, for the outstanding manner in which he conducted the work of the Committee. His experience, knowledge and understanding of issues before us enabled the Committee to carry out its considerably complicated and difficult task. I would also like to thank my brilliant colleagues in the Bureau of the Committee, Vice-Chairpersons Ms. Loreto Leyton of Chile, Mrs. Ilham Ibrahim Mohamed Ahmed of the Sudan and Mr. Toru Morikawa of Japan, with whom I had the great pleasure of working.

I should also like to express my gratitude and appreciation to the secretariat of the Third Committee for its exhaustive work and the assistance it provided to me in the discharge of my duties as Rapporteur of the Third Committee.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the members of the Group of Eastern European States, which I have had the honour to represent in the Bureau of the Third Committee during this session of the General Assembly. I thank my dear friends for their support, and wish "happy holidays" to all.

The Acting President: If there is no proposal under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, I shall take it that the General Assembly decides not to discuss the reports of the Third Committee which are before the Assembly today.

It was so decided.

The Acting President: Statements will therefore be limited to explanations of vote.

The positions of delegations regarding the recommendations of the Third Committee have been made clear in the Committee and are reflected in the relevant official records.

May I remind members that under paragraph 7 of decision 34/401, the General Assembly agreed that

> "When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, that is, either in the Committee or in plenary meeting, unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee."

May I remind delegations that, also in accordance with General Assembly decision 34/401, explanations of vote are limited to ten minutes and should be made by delegations from their seats.

Before we begin to take action on the recommendations contained in the reports of the Third Committee, I should like to advise representatives that we are going to proceed to take decisions in the same manner as was done in the Third Committee, unless the Secretariat is notified otherwise in advance. That means that where recorded votes or separate votes were taken, we will do the same. I should also hope that we may proceed to adopt without a vote those recommendations that were adopted without a vote in the Third Committee.

Agenda item 97

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

Report of the Third Committee (A/57/544)

The Acting President: The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 10 of its report.

The Third Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 57/163).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 97?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 98 (*continued*)

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Report of the Third Committee (A/57/545)

The Acting President: The Assembly will now take a decision on three draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 17 of its report and one draft decision recommended by the Committee

in paragraph 18 of the same report. After all the decisions have been taken, representatives will again have the opportunity to explain their votes.

Draft resolution I is entitled "Preparation for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 57/164).

The Acting President: Draft resolution II is entitled "Promoting youth employment".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 57/165).

The Acting President: Draft resolution III is entitled "United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution III without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 57/166).

The Acting President: We now turn to the draft decision contained in paragraph 18 of the report.

The draft decision is entitled "Reports submitted in connection with agenda item 98".

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee?

The draft decision was adopted (decision 57/527).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 98?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 99

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing

Report of the Third Committee (A/57/546)

The Acting President: The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 8 of its report.

The draft resolution is entitled "Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing".

The Third Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 57/167).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 99?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 100

Crime prevention and criminal justice

Report of the Third Committee (A/57/547)

The Acting President: The Assembly will take a decision on six draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 22 of its report and a draft decision recommended by the Committee in paragraph 23 of the same report.

We turn first to draft resolution I, entitled "International cooperation in the fight against transnational organized crime: assistance to States in capacity-building with a view to facilitating the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the protocols thereto".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 57/168).

The Acting President: Draft resolution II is entitled "High-level political conference for the purpose of signing the United Nations convention against corruption".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 57/169).

The Acting President: Draft resolution III is entitled "Follow-up to the plans of action for the implementation of the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution III without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 57/170).

The Acting President: Draft resolution IV is entitled "Preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution IV without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution IV was adopted (resolution 57/171).

The Acting President: Draft resolution V is entitled "United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution V without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution V was adopted (resolution 57/172).

The Acting President: Draft resolution VI is entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution VI without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution VI was adopted (resolution 57/173).

The Acting President: We now turn to the draft decision entitled "Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of crime prevention and criminal justice".

May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to adopt the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee?

The draft decision was adopted (decision 57/528).

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 100.

Agenda item 101

International drug control

Report of the Third Committee (A/57/548)

The Acting President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 8 of its report.

The draft resolution is entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem".

The Third Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 57/174).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 101?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 102

Advancement of women

Report of the Third Committee (A/57/549)

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/57/658)

The Acting President: The Assembly will consider the report of the Third Committee on agenda item 102 entitled "Advancement of women". The report of the Fifth Committee on the programme

budget implications of draft resolution I is contained in document A/57/658.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the six draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 34 of its report and the draft decision recommended by the Committee in paragraph 35 of the same report.

We turn first to draft resolution I, entitled "Future operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Australia, Canada, Israel, Japan, Netherlands, Republic of Korea, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Norway, Palau, Poland, Russian Federation, San Marino, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uzbekistan.

Draft resolution I was adopted by 136 votes to 7, with 29 abstentions (resolution 57/175).

The Acting President: Draft resolution II is entitled "Trafficking in women and girls".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 57/176).

The Acting President: Draft resolution III is entitled "Situation of older women in society".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution III without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 57/177).

The Acting President: Draft resolution IV is entitled "Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution IV without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt draft resolution IV, as orally updated by the Rapporteur?

Draft resolution IV, as orally updated, was adopted (resolution 57/178).

The Acting President: Draft resolution V is entitled "Working towards the elimination of crimes against women committed in the name of honour".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution V without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution V was adopted (resolution 57/179).

The Acting President: Draft resolution VI is entitled "Improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution VI without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution VI was adopted (resolution 57/180).

The Acting President: We now turn to the draft decision entitled "Document submitted in connection with the question of the advancement of women".

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt the draft decision as recommended by the Third Committee?

The draft decision was adopted (decision 57/529).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 102?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 103

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

Report of the Third Committee (A/57/550)

The Acting President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the two draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 12 of its report. Draft resolution I is entitled "Elimination of all forms of violence against women, including crimes identified in the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 57/181).

The Acting President: Draft resolution II is entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly.

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 57/182).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of the agenda item 103?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 104

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Report of the Third Committee (A/57/551)

The Acting President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the five draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 20 of its report.

Draft resolution I is entitled "Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 57/183).

The Acting President: Draft resolution II is entitled "New international humanitarian order". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 57/184).

The Acting President: Draft resolution III is entitled "Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution III without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 57/185).

The Acting President: Draft resolution IV is entitled "Continuation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution IV without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution IV was adopted (resolution 57/186).

The Acting President: Draft resolution V is entitled "Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution V without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution V was adopted (resolution 57/187).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 104?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 105

Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Report of the Third Committee (A/57/552)

The Acting President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the three draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 25 of the report and on the draft decision recommended by the Committee in paragraph 26 of the same report.

We now turn to draft resolution I, entitled "Situation of and assistance to Palestinian children".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Israel, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Palau, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Slovakia,

Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tonga, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Yugoslavia.

Draft resolution I was adopted by 108 votes to 5, with 60 abstentions (resolution 57/188).

The Acting President: Draft resolution II is entitled "The girl child".

A separate, recorded vote has been requested on operative paragraph 1 of draft resolution II.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Marshall Islands, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Israel.

Operative paragraph 1 was retained by 168 votes to 2, with 1 abstention.

The Acting President: The Third Committee adopted draft resolution II, as a whole, without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution II, as a whole, was adopted (resolution 57/189).

The Acting President: Draft resolution III is entitled "Rights of the child".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan,

Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Marshall Islands, United States of America.

Draft resolution III was adopted by 175 votes to 2 (resolution 57/190).

The Acting President: We now turn to the draft decision entitled "Reports submitted in connection with the promotion and protection of the rights of children".

May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to adopt the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee?

The draft decision was adopted (decision 57/530).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 105?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 106

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Report of the Third Committee (A/57/553)

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/57/659)

The Acting President: The report of the Fifth Committee on the programme budget implications of draft resolution I is contained in document A/57/659.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the three draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 16 of its report and on the draft decision recommended by the Committee in paragraph 17 of the report.

Draft resolution I is entitled "Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt draft resolution I, as orally corrected by the Rapporteur?

Draft resolution I, as orally corrected by the Rapporteur, was adopted (resolution 57/191).

The Acting President: Draft resolution II is entitled "International Decade of the World's Indigenous People".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 57/192).

The Acting President: Draft resolution III is entitled "Indigenous People and issues".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution III without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 57/193).

The Acting President: We now turn to the draft decision entitled "Document considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of the programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People".

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee?

The draft decision was adopted (decision 57/531).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 106?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 107

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Report of the Third Committee (A/57/554)

The Acting President: The Assembly will take a decision on the two draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 18 of its report and on the draft decision recommended by the Committee in paragraph 19 of the same report.

Draft resolution I is entitled "International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination".

A separate vote has been requested on operative paragraph 10 of section 1 of draft resolution I.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Israel, United States of America.

Operative paragraph 10 of section 1 of draft resolution I was retained by 168 votes to 2.

The Acting President: The Third Committee adopted draft resolution I as a whole without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution I as a whole was adopted (resolution 57/194).

The Acting President: Draft resolution II is entitled "The fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize,

Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Israel, Palau, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Australia, Canada.

Draft resolution II was adopted by 173 votes to 3, with 2 abstentions (resolution 57/195).

The Acting President: The Assembly will now turn to the draft decision entitled "Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the comprehensive implementation of follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance".

May I take it that the General Assembly decides to adopt the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee?

The draft decision was adopted (decision 57/532).

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 107.

Agenda item 108

Right of peoples to self-determination

Report of the Third Committee (A/57/555)

The Acting President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the three draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 19 of its report.

Draft resolution I is entitled "Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon,

Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Monaco, Nauru, New Zealand, Palau, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tonga, Turkey, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Yugoslavia.

Draft resolution I was adopted by 124 votes to 21, with 34 abstentions (resolution 57/196).

The Acting President: Draft resolution II is entitled "Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 57/197).

The Acting President: Draft resolution III is entitled "The right of the Palestinian people to self-determination".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern

Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Israel, Marshall Islands, Palau, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Micronesia (Federated States of), Tonga, Vanuatu.

Draft resolution III was adopted by 172 votes to 4, with 3 abstentions (resolution 57/198).

The Acting President: I call on the observer of Palestine.

Mr. Al-Kidwa (Palestine): At this time, I would like to take the opportunity to say a few words on the issue of the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination, particularly as my delegation did not do so after the vote on the draft resolution related to that issue in the Third Committee. However, before doing so, I wish to express our thanks and appreciation to all those who voted in favour of the resolution entitled "The situation of and assistance to Palestinian children". We maintain the hope that those who abstained on that important and timely resolution will join the majority on this critical issue in the future as long as the conditions of Palestinian children continue to warrant such a resolution.

We are pleased with and very proud of the results of the vote on the resolution entitled "The right of the Palestinian people to self-determination", as well as with the impressive number of sponsors of that resolution. The right to self-determination remains a central issue for our people, and the continuous reaffirmation of that right by the international community — such as its support for the resolution — is essential until the actual realization of that right.

Nevertheless, it is imperative that we express our deep concern at the negative vote cast by Israel on the resolution. Such a vote serves only as additional proof that the Israeli Government indeed rejects a real peace settlement based on the existence of two States, Israel and Palestine. Even worse, the vote is inconsistent with the mutual recognition achieved at the beginning of the Oslo peace process between the Government of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization. Reneging by one side on that mutual recognition not only is dangerous and tragic but, if established, would lead to the recognition's nullification, not only by one side but in its entirety.

The vote by the delegation of the United States is also very disappointing and unfortunate. That is particularly so in the light of the special responsibilities of the United States and the role that it plays in international politics, including in the Middle East. In fact, it is impossible to reconcile statements made by the President of the United States concerning his vision of a region with two States, Israel and Palestine, on the one hand, and the negative vote by the United States on this resolution, on the other. Indeed, it is extremely difficult for the Palestinian people — and, I would imagine, even for the Israeli people — to take such a position and vision seriously while, at the same time, witnessing a negative vote by the United States on such a resolution.

If we are to achieve peace in the Middle East, we need a solution that recognizes and guarantees the basic and national rights of both peoples. The recognition of the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination, including their right to an independent State of Palestine, is the first step in that direction. It is our hope that we will see a unanimous vote on this resolution next year.

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 108?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 109

Human rights questions

Report of the Third Committee (A/57/556)

The Acting President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 4 of its report. The draft decision is entitled "Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of human rights".

May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to adopt the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee?

The draft decision was adopted (decision 57/533).

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 109.

Agenda item 109 (*continued*)

Sub-item (a)

Implementation of human rights instruments

Report of the Third Committee (A/57/556/Add.1)

The Acting President: The representative of Bahrain has asked for the floor before the vote.

Mr. Saleh (Bahrain) (*spoke in Arabic*): My country's delegation wishes to explain its position before the vote on the draft resolution on the implementation of human rights instruments and on the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

The Kingdom of Bahrain is making efforts, particularly within the area of the democratic process, to establish institutions designed to serve the aspirations of our people, which will help advance the interests of Bahraini citizens. The Constitution and legislation of Bahrain condemn all forms of discrimination against or cruel treatment of any human beings within the territory of the Kingdom whether they are citizens or resident aliens. That is tangible evidence of the great importance the Kingdom of Bahrain attaches to the preservation of and respect for human rights in order to promote human dignity and the role of individuals.

In that regard, the Kingdom of Bahrain has supported the adoption of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment by the Commission on Human Rights at is fifty-eighth session in Geneva and by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive meeting in July 2002. The Kingdom of Bahrain supports the draft resolution on the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and expresses reservations concerning the mechanism dealing with expenses incurred by the Optional Protocol.

The Acting President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the four draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 31 of its report.

Draft resolution I is entitled "Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Albania, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Marshall Islands, Nigeria, Palau, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Australia, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belize, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cameroon, China, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Grenada, Guyana, India, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mauritania, Myanmar, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Somalia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam.

Draft resolution I was adopted by 127 votes to 4, with 42 abstentions (resolution 57/199).

The Acting President: Draft resolution II is entitled "Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 57/200).

The Acting President: Draft resolution III is entitled "International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution III without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 57/201).

The Acting President: Draft resolution IV is entitled "Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution IV without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution IV was adopted (resolution 57/202).

The Acting President: I now give the floor of the representative of Japan to speak in explanation of vote after the vote on the resolutions just adopted.

Mr. Tomoshige (Japan): I would like to speak in explanation of vote on the resolution entitled "Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment", which was just adopted.

My delegation abstained in the vote. In that connection, I would like to explain the position of the Government of Japan. My delegation has expressed serious concern on several occasions about the flawed procedure that was followed in drafting the Optional Protocol, as well as about the financial issues arising from the implementation of that Protocol. I will not repeat those concerns here. My delegation wishes to stress once again that that manner of negotiation should not be repeated in drafting of future human rights instruments. The Government of Japan is fully and consistently committed to the prevention of torture, which must not happen at any time anywhere in the world.

My delegation reaffirms the firm position of my Government regarding the prevention of torture. My Government seriously notes that the Optional Protocol was adopted by three preceding forums, including the Third Committee, and it has finally been adopted by the General Assembly in its plenary. My delegation solemnly notes the fact that the Optional Protocol will enter into force with ratification or accession by 20 States, at which time its role as a tool to prevent the practice of torture, which has universal value, will begin.

Given the adoption of the Optional Protocol at the plenary of the General Assembly, my Government wishes to actively engage in such undertakings to have the visiting mechanism to be established under the Optional Protocol effectively carry out its activities.

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 109?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 109 (*continued*)

Sub-item (b)

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Report of the Third Committee (A/57/556/Add.2)

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/57/660)

The Acting President: The report of the Fifth Committee on the programme budget implications of

draft resolution XXVI is contained in document A/57/660.

I give the floor to the representative of Costa Rica to make an explanation of vote before the vote.

Mr. Stagno (Costa Rica) (*spoke in Spanish*): I would like to explain my delegation's vote on draft resolution XXVI, on the Khmer Rouge trials. Costa Rica believes that it is imperative to bring to justice those responsible for violations of human rights. The defence and promotion of human rights is a priority area of our foreign policy. In this connection, justice requires that the minimum standards of due process be respected.

Costa Rica has supported the efforts of the United Nations to bring to justice those who have committed crimes against humanity in Cambodia. However, we have witnessed with concern the difficulties involved in negotiating an agreement to try those responsible for these crimes. We believe that it is essential for the Government of Cambodia to commit itself unreservedly to respecting the highest standards of justice and of due process in judging those crimes.

Unfortunately, the text of this draft resolution leaves doubts as to the transparency and justice of the process by which with those charged with violations of human rights will be judged. The reference to two articles of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, in addition to being selective, undermines the principles that must be observed in any criminal proceeding.

Moreover, we are concerned that the text of this draft resolution limits the capacity of the Secretary-General to negotiate guarantees on the observance of the highest standards of due process. Accordingly, Costa Rica will abstain in the voting on this draft resolution, just as we did on 20 November in the Third Committee.

Mrs. Serazzi (Chile) (*spoke in Spanish*): The delegation of Chile, as is our tradition, has once again supported the draft resolution on human rights and cultural diversity, contained in document A/57/556/Add.2, because our country attaches particular importance to respect for and coexistence of the various cultures that exist on our planet.

However, Chile, while reiterating its commitment to the universal validity of human rights, would like to state for the record that such universality of human rights implies acceptance of the intrinsic dignity of all the inhabitants of the earth, irrespective of culture, religion, social status, ethnic origin, gender or tradition. Neither lack of development nor cultural characteristics can be used as a pretext to justify any limitation of the rights recognized in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international instruments for the promotion and protection of such rights.

Mr. Al-Murri (Qatar) (*spoke in Arabic*): The delegation of my country would like to speak in explanation of vote before the vote on the third preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 6, 11, 12, 18 and 22 of draft resolution XII entitled "Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary execution". My country would have joined countries that support it had the content of the draft resolution been consistent with its title. Instead, it focuses on killing and forces upon us the subject of honour and sexual orientation, thus emptying the draft resolution of its original focus and making it serve a different agenda. We cannot ignore the fact that the Special Rapporteur, in her report, has gone beyond her mandate, which did not include the right to consider the controversial subjects that she dealt with. This has raised doubt, suspicion and mistrust among the negotiating countries. The Rapporteur's action is regrettable indeed. Hence, my country will vote against the controversial paragraphs, while abstaining in the vote on the draft resolution as a whole.

Mr. Ouch (Cambodia): At the outset, on behalf of the people and the Royal Government of Cambodia, I would like to express our sincere thanks to all interested States, in particular Japan, France and Australia, for their efforts in drafting draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.70, for the resumption of negotiations between the Secretary-General and Cambodia on Khmer Rouge trials. My delegation was very pleased to actively engage in the process of drafting this draft resolution, which was adopted in the Third Committee on 20 November 2002.

In this connection, on behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia, I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincerest gratitude to all representatives for their valuable support for this draft resolution, which, indeed, is a sine qua non condition for the resumption of negotiations between my Government and the United Nations towards the establishment of a special chamber in the Cambodian

Court to try the top leaders of the Khmer Rouge — those most responsible for the crimes committed against humanity during the genocidal regime of the Khmer Rouge from 1975 to 1979 — in accordance with international standards of justice, fairness and due process of law.

My delegation has decided to support this draft resolution to prove our commitment and our political will to resume negotiations with the United Nations. We should therefore concentrate our efforts to bring back Cambodia and the United Nations to the negotiating table as soon as possible.

The draft resolution before us is an indispensable instrument for the achievement of the lofty goal of bringing justice to the Cambodian people and to those who survived the genocidal regime.

May I conclude by saying that the Royal Government of Cambodia remains committed to working with the United Nations to achieve a final resolution to the crimes against humanity perpetrated by the Khmer Rouge and to blot out this mournful page of Cambodia's history.

On this solemn occasion, my delegation would like once again humbly to appeal to representatives kindly to give their fullest support to this draft resolution in order to pave the way for the trial of the most accountable perpetrators of crimes against humanity in the twentieth century.

The Acting President: The Assembly will now take a decision on 27 draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 127 of its report and on one draft decision recommended by the Committee in paragraph 128 of the same report.

We turn first to draft resolution I, entitled "Strengthening United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 57/203).

The Acting President: Draft resolution II is entitled "Human rights and cultural diversity". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 57/204).

The Acting President: Draft resolution III is entitled "Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark,

Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Palau, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Yugoslavia.

Abstaining:

Argentina, Colombia, Guatemala, Singapore, Turkey.

Draft resolution III was adopted by 124 votes to 52, with 5 abstentions (resolution 57/205).

[Subsequently the delegation of Chile informed the Secretariat that it had intended to abstain.]

The Acting President: Draft resolution IV is entitled "Human rights education". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution IV without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution IV was adopted (resolution 57/206).

The Acting President: Draft resolution V is entitled "Missing persons". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution V without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution V was adopted (resolution 57/207).

The Acting President: Draft resolution VI is entitled "Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution VI without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution VI was adopted (resolution 57/208).

The Acting President: Draft resolution VII is entitled "Declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution VII without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution VII was adopted (resolution 57/209).

The Acting President: Draft resolution VIII is entitled "Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution VIII without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution VIII was adopted (resolution 57/210).

The Acting President: Draft resolution IX is entitled "Human rights and extreme poverty". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution IX without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution IX was adopted (resolution 57/211).

The Acting President: Draft resolution X is entitled "United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1994-2004". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution X without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution X was adopted (resolution 57/212).

The Acting President: Draft resolution XI is entitled "Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon,

Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Palau, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Samoa, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Yugoslavia.

Abstaining:

Argentina, Fiji, Guatemala, Mexico, Nauru, Panama, Peru.

Draft resolution XI was adopted by 116 votes to 55, with 7 abstentions (resolution 57/213).

The Acting President: Draft resolution XII is entitled "Extra-judicial, summary or arbitrary executions".

Separate votes have been requested on the third preambular paragraph, the seventh preambular paragraph and operative paragraph 3 together, and operative paragraphs 6, 11, 12, 18 and 22. Are there any objections to these requests?

I shall now put to the vote the third preambular paragraph of draft resolution XII.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia.

Against:

Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Burundi, Chad, China, Comoros, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Myanmar, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, United Arab Emirates, Yemen.

Abstaining:

Angola, Belize, Bhutan, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Indonesia, Israel, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi,

Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Togo, Tonga, Tunisia, Uganda, Vanuatu, Zimbabwe.

The third preambular paragraph of draft resolution XII was retained by 97 votes to 30, with 42 abstentions.

The Acting President: I now put to the vote, together, the seventh preambular paragraph and operative paragraph 3 of draft resolution XII.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Latvia, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Israel, Marshall Islands, Palau, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Cuba, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Tonga, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates.

The seventh preambular paragraph and operative paragraph 3 were retained by 130 votes to 4, with 31 abstentions.

[Subsequently the delegation of Guatemala informed the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour.]

The Acting President: I shall now put to the vote operative paragraph 6 of draft resolution XII, on which a separate vote has been requested.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Albania, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the

former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia.

Against:

Algeria, Bahrain, Brunei Darussalam, Chad, China, Comoros, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen.

Abstaining:

Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Haiti, India, Israel, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Namibia, Papua New Guinea, Russian Federation, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tonga, Turkey, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Operative paragraph 6 was retained by 104 votes to 37, with 29 abstentions.

The Acting President: I shall now put to the vote operative paragraph 11 of draft resolution XII, on which a separate vote has been requested.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Albania, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia.

Against:

Bahrain, Bangladesh, China, Comoros, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Egypt, Gambia, Haiti, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kuwait, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Morocco, Myanmar, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Yemen.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bhutan, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, India, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Micronesia (Federated States of), Namibia, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Russian Federation, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tonga, Turkey, Vanuatu, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Operative paragraph 11 was retained by 99 votes to 33, with 39 abstentions.

The Acting President: I shall now put to the vote operative paragraph 12 of draft resolution XII, on which a separate vote has been requested.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Albania, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas,

Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia.

Against:

Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, China, Comoros, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Egypt, Gambia, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Morocco, Myanmar, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Somalia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bhutan, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, India, Israel, Kazakhstan, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Namibia, Papua New Guinea, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tonga, Turkey, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Operative paragraph 12 was retained by 100 votes to 33, with 36 abstentions.

[Subsequently the delegation of Colombia informed the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour.]

The Acting President: I shall now put to the vote operative paragraph 18 of draft resolution XII, on which a separate vote has been requested.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Albania, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia.

Against:

Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, China, Comoros, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Eritrea, Gambia, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kuwait, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Myanmar, Nauru, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Tonga, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Yemen, Zimbabwe.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Chad,

Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Ethiopia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, India, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tunisia, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Zambia.

Operative paragraph 18 was retained by 78 votes to 41, with 50 abstentions.

The Acting President: I shall now put to the vote operative paragraph 22 of draft resolution XII, on which a separate vote has been requested.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Albania, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Against:

Bahrain, China, Comoros, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Egypt, Gambia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Kuwait, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, United States of America, Yemen.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Haiti, Indonesia, Israel, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lebanon, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Russian Federation, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Togo, Tonga, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Zimbabwe.

Operative paragraph 22 was retained by 103 votes to 25, with 40 abstentions.

The Acting President: I now put to the vote draft resolution XII as a whole.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Mozambique, Namibia,

Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

None.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, China, Comoros, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Myanmar, Nauru, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Tonga, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, Yemen.

Draft resolution XII, as a whole, was adopted by 130 votes to none, with 49 abstentions (resolution 57/214).

The Acting President: Draft resolution XIII is entitled "Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances".

A separate vote has been requested on the seventh preambular paragraph of draft resolution XIII.

Is there any objection to this request?

There is none.

I shall first put to the vote the seventh preambular paragraph of draft resolution XIII, on which a separate vote has been requested.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

United States of America.

Abstaining:

Honduras, Israel, Kazakhstan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Marshall Islands, Myanmar, Pakistan, Palau, Tonga.

The seventh preambular paragraph of draft resolution XIII was retained by 166 votes to 1, with 9 abstentions.

The Acting President: The Assembly will now take a decision on draft resolution XIII as a whole.

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution XIII without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt draft resolution XIII as a whole?

Draft resolution XIII as a whole was adopted (resolution 215).

The Acting President: Draft resolution XIV is entitled "Promotion of the right of peoples to peace".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Palau, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Yugoslavia.

Abstaining:

Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ethiopia, Fiji, Guatemala, India, Madagascar, Nauru, Samoa, Singapore, Tonga, Uruguay, Uzbekistan.

Draft resolution XIV was adopted by 116 votes to 53, with 14 abstentions (resolution 57/216).

The Acting President: Draft resolution XV is entitled "Respect for the purposes and principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations to achieve international cooperation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms and in solving international problems of a humanitarian character".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt,

El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Palau, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Samoa, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Yugoslavia.

Abstaining:

Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Fiji, Guatemala, Latvia, Madagascar, Nauru, Peru, Philippines, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Singapore, Thailand, Tonga, Uruguay.

Draft resolution XV was adopted by 114 votes to 54, with 15 abstentions (resolution 57/217).

The Acting President: Draft resolution XVI is entitled "Protection of migrants".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution XVI without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution XVI was adopted (resolution 57/218).

The Acting President: Draft resolution XVII is entitled "Protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution XVII without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution XVII was adopted (resolution 57/219).

The Acting President: Draft resolution XVIII is entitled "Hostage-taking".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution XVIII without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution XVIII was adopted (resolution 57/220).

The Acting President: Draft resolution XIX is entitled "Strengthening of the rule of law". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution XIX without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution XIX was adopted (resolution 57/221).

The Acting President: Draft resolution XX is entitled "Human rights and unilateral coercive measures".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia,

Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Palau, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Yugoslavia.

Abstaining:

Kazakhstan.

Draft resolution XX was adopted by 122 votes to 55, with 1 abstention (resolution 57/222).

The Acting President: Draft resolution XXI is entitled "The right to development".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Australia, Marshall Islands, Palau, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of

Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Yugoslavia.

Draft resolution XXI was adopted by 133 votes to 4, with 47 abstentions (resolution 57/223).

The Acting President: Draft resolution XXII is entitled "Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights".

The Third Committee adopted draft resolution XXII without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution XXII was adopted (resolution 57/224).

The Acting President: Draft resolution XXIII is entitled "Situation of human rights in Cambodia". The Third Committee adopted resolution XXIII without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution XXIII was adopted (resolution 57/225).

The Acting President: We now turn to draft resolution XXIV, entitled "The right to food".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

United States of America.

Abstaining:

Australia, Canada, Fiji, Israel, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Palau.

Draft resolution XXIV was adopted by 176 votes to 1, with 7 abstentions (resolution 57/226).

The Acting President: Draft resolution XXV is entitled "Respect for the right to universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile,

China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mali, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Israel, Palau, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mozambique, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Samoa, San Marino, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Yugoslavia.

Draft resolution XXV was adopted by 109 votes to 3, with 71 abstentions (resolution 57/227).

The Acting President: We now turn to draft resolution XXVI, entitled "Khmer Rouge trials".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

None.

Abstaining:

Belarus, Belgium, Botswana, Canada, Costa Rica, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Kenya, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Republic of Korea, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Draft resolution XXVI was adopted by 150 votes to none, with 30 abstentions (resolution 57/228).

The Acting President: Draft resolution XXVII is entitled "Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution XXVII without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution XXVII was adopted (resolution 57/229).

The Acting President: The draft decision entitled "Award of human rights prizes in 2003" was adopted by the Third Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt the draft decision, as orally corrected by the Rapporteur?

The draft decision, as orally corrected by the Rapporteur, was adopted (decision 57/533).

The Acting President: I now give the floor to those who wish to speak in explanation of vote after the vote.

Mr. Enkhsaikhan (Mongolia): My delegation voted in favour of the resolution entitled "Promotion of the right of peoples to peace" since Mongolian principles stands firmly for promoting the right of peoples to peace.

In 1984 it was my country that initiated consideration by the General Assembly and adoption of the Declaration of the Right of Peoples to Peace". The importance of the Declaration at that time was in the reaffirmation of the fundamental right of peoples to live in peace, without war, as it is solemnly declared in the Preamble of the Charter of the United Nations. We believe that the Declaration's goal is as relevant today as it was two decades ago.

Given the above in mind, my delegation wishes to express some concern about bringing this issue, essentially of war and peace, to the Assembly in the context of human rights. That is narrowing substantially the scope of the right, as envisaged in the regional declaration of 1984.

While underlining the indispensable link between peace and human rights, my delegation feels that the issue of rights of peoples to peace would be better dealt with in more appropriate forums as, my delegation has suggested to the original sponsors of the resolution.

Finally, my delegation supports the view that necessary consultations should have been carried out among Member States on such an important issue before bringing the draft resolution for adoption. My delegation expresses the hope that the spirit of cooperation will prevail in the future on such important issues that affect the rights of all peoples and all Member States.

Mr. Haraguchi (Japan): I am commenting on the Khmer Rouge trials and the resolution which the General Assembly just adopted on that subject.

First of all, let me express my deep appreciation to Member States for their support for this resolution. Japan believes that its adoption by the United Nations General Assembly is of great significance as it will reopen the process of bringing to justice those responsible for the atrocities committed by the Khmer Rouge against the people of Cambodia. At least one million people, or a quarter of the Cambodian population, is said to have been killed during the era of the Khmer Rouge.

It is the international community's obligation and the will of the Cambodian people to bring to justice those responsible for one of the most horrendous violations of human rights in the twentieth century.

The adoption of this resolution is an important step toward that goal. But I have to emphasize that it is just one step. The next step will be the resumption of negotiations between the United Nations Secretariat and the Cambodian Government on the arrangements concerning the establishment of a credible tribunal. Let us not underestimate the difficulties of this endeavour. The Secretary-General and the Secretariat have a particularly important role to play in the negotiations before and during the trials. We appeal to the Secretariat to make every effort in the negotiations to

ensure that a credible tribunal is established as soon as possible in accordance with this resolution.

The Government of Japan has worked very hard over the past month to address some of the concerns the Secretariat had in the course of its past negotiations with the Cambodian Government. We believe that, with a clear mandate contained in this resolution, the Secretariat is now in a better negotiating position. Japan is ready to extend support to the effort of the Secretary-General to reach an agreement with the Cambodian Government. Now that the resolution is adopted without any opposition, we call on all Member States, including those who abstained in the voting on the resolution, to join us in this endeavour. Indeed, the Secretary-General needs and expects the broad support of the international community as he undertakes his important task.

Last but not least, let me also appeal to the Cambodian Government to fully commit itself to establishing credible trials. In this connection, I am very pleased to have heard the strong commitment from the Cambodian Ambassador. It is after all, the Government of Cambodia and its people who requested these trials and it is they who have the most at stake. We hope that the Cambodian Government will take the lead in the process and engage sincerely and in good faith in the negotiations with the United Nations.

Let me stress once again that the success of the process leading to credible trials depends on the efforts and the commitment of the parties concerned together with the understanding and cooperation of all interested Member States.

The Acting President: We have heard the last speaker in explanation of vote.

Mr. Ouch (Cambodia): On behalf of the people and the Royal Government of Cambodia, I would like to express our sincere thanks to all Member States who have voted in favour of this resolution. Once again, I would like to reiterate our commitment to bringing justice to our people.

Mr. Roshdy (Egypt): My delegation has taken the floor to make a general comment on the report of the Third Committee, particularly document A/57/556/Add.2. It was the understanding we had in the Committee that the comment made by my delegation concerning rule 89 of the rules of procedure will be duly reflected in the report. Unfortunately, it was not. That is why I have to repeat what I said in the Committee and maybe even to elaborate.

My comment concerns rule 89 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and particularly the fourth sentence of this rule, which reads as follows: "If the motion for division is carried, those parts of the proposal or of the amendment which are approved shall then be put to the vote as a whole". My reading of this sentence is that if a part of a resolution is voted on, be it one paragraph or two paragraphs, then the whole resolution should be automatically put to a vote without the need for any delegation to request a vote. I understand that that has not been common practice in the Committee or in other Committees of the General Assembly, but I am afraid that that must change, for two reasons.

First, with regard to procedure: my delegation believes that the rules of procedure were established and amended — the most recent amendment was made eight years ago — in order to be followed at all times and under all circumstances, not upon request. We have established rules of procedure to govern our work, and we should abide by them.

Secondly, concerning substance: I think that following this rule will make delegations more eager to achieve consensus, which will benefit the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, ensuring that they reflect the largest possible majority of members of the international community. That is why there should be no doubt that, beginning next year, my delegation will insist on invoking rule 89 with respect to any draft resolution that contains a part adopted by a vote, and I think that it should be the responsibility of the Bureaus of the Committees to do this as well. I understand and accept the explanation given to my delegation this year by the Bureau of the Third Committee regarding the practical reasons that made that impossible, but I hope that, beginning in the fifty-eighth session, all the rules of procedure will be followed and respected.

Mr. Nikiforov (Russian Federation) (*spoke in Russian*): My delegation joined in the consensus on draft resolution XVII. In Russia, we know what terrorism represents and the suffering that it causes among individual citizens. When one addresses the issue of human rights and terrorism, it is important to consider that terrorism is an exceptional phenomenon and that the measures taken by Governments to combat it have an exceptional nature, with consequences for

human rights and fundamental freedoms. Accordingly, we believe that the text of the draft resolution should have been considered more carefully to ensure that it reflected in a more balanced and more accurate way the approaches taken by all States in finding a solution to a very sensitive issue for the international community: guaranteeing human rights in the fight against terrorism. We believe that that is how this issue should be considered at the United Nations in the future.

The Acting President: I now give the floor to the representative of the Dominican Republic, who wishes to speak on a point of order.

Mr. Félix (Dominican Republic) (*spoke in Spanish*): In document A/57/556/Add.2, the name of my delegation appears as a sponsor of draft resolution XXV. We should like to clarify for the Assembly that, although we voted in favour of that draft resolution, we are not one of its sponsors. We hope that the Secretariat will take note of this clarification.

The Acting President: The Secretariat will take note of that information.

The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 109.

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Report of the Third Committee (A/57/556/Add.3)

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/57/647)

The Acting President: The report of the Fifth Committee on the programme budget implications of draft resolution II is contained in document A/57/647.

I shall now call on those representatives who wish to speak in explanation of vote before the voting.

Mr. Sallam (Saudi Arabia) (*spoke in Arabic*): With regard to draft resolution III contained in document A/57/556/Add.3, my delegation notes that paragraph 5 (m) of the draft resolution calls upon the Government of Iraq to cooperate fully with the Tripartite Commission and its Technical Subcommittee to establish the whereabouts and resolve the fate of the remaining several hundred missing persons, including prisoners of war, Kuwaiti nationals and third-country nationals, victims of the illegal Iraqi occupation of Kuwait.

Mr. Erwa (Sudan) (*spoke in Arabic*): Since my delegation has already made a general statement in the Third Committee, we should now like to speak in explanation of vote regarding draft resolution I, on the situation of human rights in the Sudan, contained in document A/57/556/Add.3. We thank the delegation of the European Union for its efforts on that draft resolution. However, we should like to state the following.

First of all, I am sure that everyone has been following the developments in the situation in the Sudan and the peace process in that country. As we speak, two delegations — those of the Government of the Sudan and of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement — are meeting in Washington within the framework of measures aimed at achieving peace. That meeting is taking place as an extension of the African measures adopted in Kenya this year, which led to a cessation of hostilities — hence the flow of humanitarian assistance and the cessation of killing.

We are immensely interested in human rights issues, and we have no objection to the consideration of such issues, as long as they are addressed with full impartiality and objectivity. Most of the European sponsors of this draft resolution are fully aware of the peace process in the Sudan, and we thank them for that. However, the official positions and statements of their Governments concerning the peace process totally contradict the tenor of this draft resolution; indeed, they are diametrically opposed to it. On the one hand, they are in favour of the peace process, and we are grateful for that. On the other hand, while attempting to satisfy certain pressure groups led by certain non-governmental organizations in their own countries, the draft resolution does the opposite. Therefore, we reject this draft resolution, which is not objective or impartial. It is totally politicized. Therefore, my delegation will vote against it and will request all other States to vote against it for the following reasons.

First, there is a need to send a message of encouragement to the Government of the Sudan to continue to make progress on the path of peace on which it has embarked and is about to be completed, in order to put an end to suffering in the Sudan. The war is one of the main causes of human rights violations and is itself a human rights violation.

Secondly, by voting against the draft resolution, we are showing that it is not objective or impartial.

Thirdly, this draft resolution is politicized first and foremost. Human rights issues are too lofty to be subjected to political agendas.

The Acting President: The Assembly will take a decision on the five draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 46 of its report.

We turn first to draft resolution I, entitled "Situation of human rights in the Sudan".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Namibia, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Samoa, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia.

Against:

Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Chad, China, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Viet Nam, Zimbabwe.

Abstaining:

Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Belarus, Bhutan, Botswana, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Dominica, Eritrea, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mongolia, Philippines, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Zambia.

Draft resolution I was adopted by 80 votes to 62, with 33 abstentions (resolution 57/230).

The Acting President: Draft resolution II is entitled "Situation of human rights in Myanmar". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 57/231).

The Acting President: Draft resolution III is entitled "Situation of human rights in Iraq". Separate votes have been requested on operative paragraphs 4 (a), 4 (b), 4 (e) and 4 (f) of draft resolution III.

Are there any objections to those requests? There are none.

I shall put to the vote operative paragraph 4 (a) of draft resolution III, on which a separate vote has been requested.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland,

Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Yugoslavia.

Against:

China, Cuba, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Russian Federation, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Viet Nam.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Operative paragraph 4 (a) of draft resolution III was retained by 83 votes to 7, with 81 abstentions.

The Acting President: I shall now put to the vote operative paragraph 4 (b) of draft resolution III, on which a separate vote has been requested.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Yugoslavia.

Against:

China, Cuba, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Russian Federation, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Viet Nam.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand,

Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Operative paragraph 4 (b) of draft resolution III was retained by 82 votes to 7, with 83 abstentions.

The Acting President: I shall now put to the vote operative paragraph 4 (e) of draft resolution III.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Yugoslavia.

Against:

China, Cuba, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Russian Federation, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Viet Nam.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Operative paragraph 4 (e) of draft resolution III was retained by 84 votes to 7, with 80 abstentions.

The Acting President: I shall now put to the vote operative paragraph 4 (f) of draft resolution III, on which a separate vote has been requested.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Yugoslavia.

Against:

China, Cuba, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Russian Federation, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Viet Nam.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Operative paragraph 4 (f) of draft resolution III was retained by 85 votes to 7, with 79 abstentions.

The Acting President: The Assembly will now take a decision on draft resolution III as a whole, as orally corrected by the Rapporteur.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Maldives, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Senegal, Seychelles, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Yugoslavia.

Against:

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Angola, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Benin, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, China, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Draft resolution III as a whole, as orally corrected by the Rapporteur, was adopted by 97 votes to 3, with 77 abstentions (resolution 57/232).

The Acting President: Draft resolution IV is entitled "Situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo".

A separate vote has been requested on sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph 1 of draft resolution IV. Is there any objection to that request? There is none.

I shall now put to the vote sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph 1 of draft resolution IV, on which a separate vote has been requested.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Albania, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

United States of America.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Bhutan, Cameroon, Comoros, Dominica, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Palau, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda.

Sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph 1 of draft resolution IV was retained by 136 votes to 1, with 30 abstentions.

The Acting President: The Assembly will now take a decision on draft resolution IV as a whole, as orally corrected by the Rapporteur.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Maldives, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Yugoslavia.

Against:

Rwanda, Uganda.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Angola, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, China,

Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Draft resolution IV, as orally corrected by the Rapporteur, was adopted by 92 votes to 2, with 81 abstentions (resolution 57/233).

The Acting President: Draft resolution V is entitled "Question of human rights in Afghanistan". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution V without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution V was adopted (resolution 57/234).

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 109.

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Report of the Third Committee (A/57/556/Add.4)

The Acting President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 5 of its report.

The draft decision is entitled "Commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the World Conference on Human Rights in 2003".

The Third Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft decision was adopted (decision 57/535).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 109?

It was so decided.

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Report of the Third Committee (A/57/556/Add.5)

The Acting President: May I take it that the Assembly takes note of the report of the Third Committee?

It was so decided.

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (e) of agenda item 109?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 43

Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children

Report of the Third Committee (A/57/557)

The Acting President: May I take it that the General Assembly takes note of the report of the Third Committee?

It was so decided.

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 43.

Agenda item 12 (*continued*)

Report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Third Committee (A/57/558)

The Acting President: The Assembly will take a decision on the two draft decisions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 8 of its report.

Draft decision I is entitled "Organization of the work of the Third Committee and biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2003-2004". May I take

it that the Assembly wishes to adopt draft decision I recommended by the Third Committee?

Draft decision I was adopted (decision 57/538).

The Acting President: Draft decision II is entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council". May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt draft decision II recommended by the Third Committee?

Draft decision II was adopted (decision 57/539).

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 12.

The Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Third Committee before it.

The meeting rose at 12.55 p.m.